LPG Distributors in Manipur

1989. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of LPG distributors in Manipur and their areas of operation;

(b) whether it is a fact that the LPG distributors have not started the system of home delivery for the consumers and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) by when it would be introduced in the State; and

(d) the norms and basis of allotment of LPG agencies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) As on 1.10.1996, 17 LPG distributorships were in operation in the State of Manipur.

(a) and (c) In view of the difficult law and order situation prevailing in the state, the home delivery of refills was discontinued since 1991 and this was done in consultation with the State Government. In March, 1995, Government of Manipur asked IOC to explore the possibility of introducing home delivery of refills in selected areas of Imphal Town. After discussions by the civil adminsitration with Oil Company officials and the distributors, the home delivery was resumed effective 2.10.1995 and 10 to 15% home delivery could be achieved. In November, 1995, due to worsening of law and order situation again and imposition of curfew in the State and in view of the safety of the delivery boys and equipmetns, the distributors were reluctant to make home delivery of LPG cylinders. In the circumstances, home delivery facility can be resumed only after the law and order situation in the state becomes normal.

(d) As per the existing policy, viable locations included in the Marketing Plans are advertised by the oil companies in two prominent local newspapers, one each in English and Vernacular daily. Selection is made by the competent selection authority from amongst the applicants meeting the eligibility criteria relating to nationality, age, educational qualification, residence, income and multiple dealership norms.

Exploration of Oil in the Areas Rich in Oil Reserves

1990. DR. RANBIR SINGH:
SHRI RAM NATH KOVID:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received requests to undertake oil exploration projects in some parts of country where oil reserves are in abundance;

(b) if so, the details thereof, alongwith their locations, State and Union Territory-wise;

(c) whether Government propose to take action on these requests so as to reduce import of oil and petroleum products;

(d) if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor;

(e) whether some projects have already been undertaken and are in progress; and

(f) if so, details thereof, with the names of the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) to (d) Apart from the exploration activity carried out by ONGC and OIL, Government of India has been inviting private investments in the exploration of oil and gas. So far Government has invited 9 rounds of bidding for exploration blocks. Since 1992, Govenrment has awarded 35 blocks, out of which 23 blocks are in onland and 12 blocks fall in offshore areas. The State-wise/UT-wise details of onshore blocks awarded are given in the statement (*See* below).